



Indiana Agriculture Report

March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2014, Indiana corn stocks totaled a record high 544.1 million bushels, 73 percent higher than a year earlier. About 53 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 340.8 million bushels, compared with 149.1 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2014, were 73.1 million bushels. That was 2 percent higher than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 110.2 million bushels, compared with 77.6 million bushels during the same period in 2013. Farm stocks of soybeans were 38 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2014, were 24.9 million bushels, 37 percent below a year ago. Approximately 98 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 9.6 million bushels, 17.1 percent of supply.

March Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 3.45 million head, down 100,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 270,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 3,180,000 head, was down 3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February 2014 quarter fell to 9.20 on losses associated with PEDv.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2014 was 62.9 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2013, and down 5 percent from December 1, 2013. Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 57.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from last quarter.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the March-May 2014 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2013, but down 2 percent from 2012. Intended farrowings for June-August 2014, at 2.96 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2013, and up 1 percent from 2012.

Indiana Honey Production Down 40.3 Percent

Indiana honey production for 2013 totaled 282 thousand pounds, down 40.3 percent from 2012. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Indiana ranked thirty-fifth in honey production in 2013. Indiana was ranked twenty-ninth in 2012. Yields from Indiana's 6,000 colonies producing honey averaged 47 pounds in 2013, compared with 59 pounds the previous year.

Indiana honey price averaged 267 cents per pound, up 13 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$753 thousand, down 37.2 percent from 2012. Honey stocks were 82 thousand pounds, down 59.6 percent from 2012.

Nationally, Honey production in 2013 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 149 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2012. There were 2.64 million colonies producing honey in 2013, up 4 percent from 2012. Yield per colony averaged 56.6 pounds, up 1 percent from the 56.0 pounds in 2012. Colonies which produced honey in more

than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 38.2 million pounds on December 15, 2013, up 20 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2013 to 212.1 cents per pound, up 6 percent from 199.2 cents per pound in 2012. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2012 crop reflect honey sold in 2012 and 2013. Some 2012 crop honey was sold in 2013, which caused some revisions to the 2012 crop prices.

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 303 million pounds of milk during February, up 1.7 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 60.9 pounds, 0.2 pounds lower than February 2013. The dairy herd was estimated at 178,000 head for February, up 4,000 from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Indiana dairy producers was \$25.20 per cwt., \$5.10 above the price in February 2013.

Indiana Dairy Summary, February 2014

Item	2012	2013	2014
Cows 1,000 Hd	176	174	178
Milk per cow Lb/day	60.0	61.1	60.9
Production Mil lbs	306	298	303
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	18.60	20.10	25.20
Fat test Pct	3.74	3.82	3.83
Protein ¹ Pct	3.12	3.16	3.18

¹ FMO 33

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Indiana totaled 27.4 million during February, up 3 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 599 million eggs, up 7 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,186 eggs per 100 layers. On March 1 in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 8 million

egg-type eggs in incubators, up 11 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 13.8 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 6 percent from the previous year. There were 21.7 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February.

Egg and hatchery production, February 2014

Item	Unit	2013	2014	Percent change
Indiana				
All layers	Thou	26,637	27,405	3
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,106	2,186	4
Eggs produced	Mil	561	599	7
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Mar 1				
Egg-type	Thou	7,228	8,030	11
Broiler type	Thou	13,004	13,833	6
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	345,966	350,028	1
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,090	2,104	1
Eggs produced	Mil	7,230	7,364	2
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1	Thou	26,318	26,020	-1
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb	Thou	22,212	21,697	-2

March Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of February 2014 and mid-month prices as of March 15, 2014 are listed in the table below. Some Indiana highlights were: March corn, at \$4.80 per bushel, is up \$0.32 from February and down \$2.68 from last year; March soybeans, at \$13.90 per bushel, are

up \$0.50 from last month and down \$1.10 from last year; March wheat, at \$6.60 per bushel, is up \$0.51 from February and down \$0.67 from last year; March milk, at \$25.80 per cwt., is up \$0.60 from last month, and up \$5.90 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers, March 2014

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Mar 2013 ¹	Feb 2014 ¹	Preliminary Mar 2014 ²	Mar 2013 ¹	Feb 2014 ¹	Preliminary Mar 2014 ²
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn dollars/bu	7.48	4.48	4.80	7.13	4.35	4.54
Soybeans dollars/bu	15.00	13.40	13.90	14.60	13.20	13.60
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	7.27	6.09	6.60	7.63	6.57	7.03
Milk, all dollars/cwt	19.90	25.20	25.80	19.10	24.90	25.40

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

² Mid-month price.

Prospective Planting Report

Indiana farmers intend to plant 5.80 million acres of corn for all purposes and 5.50 million acres of soybeans in 2014 according to the National Agricultural Statistic Service's Great Lakes Regional Office. If these intentions are realized, acreage planted to corn would be down 3 percent from the previous year;

while soybean planted acreage would be up 6 percent from last year.

The 2014 winter wheat acreage seeded last fall is estimated at 430,000 acres, 9 percent below the 470,000 acres seeded the previous year. Acreage intended for oats seeding, at 20,000 acres, is unchanged from 2013.

Acres Planted by Crop, Indiana and United States: 2012-2014

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2012	2013	2014 ¹	2012	2013	2014 ¹
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	6,250	6,000	5,800	97,155	95,365	91,691
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	630	640	630	56,260	58,257	58,267
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	15	20	20	2,760	3,010	2,794
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	5,150	5,200	5,500	77,198	76,533	81,493
Winter Wheat						
Planted 1,000 acres	350	470	430	41,224	43,090	42,007

¹ Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers.

Vegetable Summary 2013

Indiana produced 3.38 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2013, up 0.6 percent from 2012. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$68 million, up 20.4 percent from the revised 2012 total. Indiana was ranked as the nineteenth largest State in the value of fresh market vegetables for 2013.

Nationally, fresh market vegetable and melon production for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2013 totaled 414 million hundredweight, down 5 percent from last year. Harvested area covered 1.63 million acres, down 2 percent from 2012. Value of the 2013 crop is estimated at 11.4 billion dollars, up 14 percent from a year ago. The three largest crops, in terms of production, were onions, head lettuce, and watermelons, which combined to account for 36 percent of

the total production. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and onions claim the highest values, accounting for 28 percent of the total value when combined.

Processing production of eight selected vegetables estimated in 2013 totaled 17.2 million tons, down 6 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.05 million acres, down 7 percent from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 1.93 billion dollars, 3 percent below 2012. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 92 percent of the total. The top three crops in terms of value are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans. These three processing vegetables account for 80 percent of the total value when combined.

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